

We reject all encroachment upon our 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms. An armed populace is the greatest preservative of the Republic against tyrants. We reject all attempts to limit access to ammunition. We reject the reinstatement of the Failed 1994 Gun and Magazine ban.

As Ronald Wilson Reagan has said: "There are those in America today who have come to depend absolutely on government for their security. And when government fails they seek to rectify that failure [by giving] government more power . . . at the expense of the Constitution. . . . in their willingness to give up their arms in the name of safety, they are really giving up their protection from what has always been the chief source of despotism—government."

We reject government run Health Care which would give bureaucrats the power to ration health care. This leads to an Orwellian society where government ultimately decides the time and circumstance of every citizen's death.

Finally, we reject the current 'Create a Crisis' method of controlling the people of the United States. As Texas Congressman Ron Paul correctly stated, "Whenever something terrible happens, people reflexively demand that government do something. This impulse almost always leads to bad laws and the loss of liberty."

We say that we do not trust in the Nanny-state, we choose instead to believe in the Constitution, in our fellow Americans, in the free enterprise system, and in our God.

To these principles we pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor, and witness our determination by our signature affixed below. We demand that our elected representatives make it their highest priority to address these grievances or face certain expulsion from office, and we strongly suggest they add their signature to ours.

Signed in Burleson, Texas, April 15th, 2009
by WE THE PEOPLE.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAJOR GENERAL DAVID F. WHERLEY, JR. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD RETENTION AND COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce, for myself and for Congressman José Serrano, the Major General David F. Wherley, Jr. District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act. I introduce this bill a month after the heart-breaking collision of two Red Line Metro trains here in the District of Columbia that took the lives of nine area residents, seven from the District, including a local hero, Major General David F. Wherley, Jr. I introduced the District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act in May of this year, but after the Metro tragedy I said at the Wherleys' memorial service that I would rename this bill in honor of General Wherley, who not only fought for his country, but also never forgot the men and women who served under him at home or at war. Thereafter, Congressman José Serrano, chair of the Appropriations Financial Services subcommittee, was good enough to offer this renaming in his appropriations bill and to appropriate the funds without authorization this year and in prior years.

Under General Wherley's command, the D.C. National Guard deployed several of its units in the Global War on Terrorism. General Wherley himself served courageously in both Iraq and Afghanistan, but at home he spent hours with me figuring out ways to get funds not only for his soldiers, but also for programs for the District's children. He was always successful because he would show up, not only in my office, but wherever he was needed to get funds or to do service.

General Wherley was a full-service leader. He not only commanded the D.C. National Guard; he worked closely with me and with city officials on programs for our city, its disadvantaged youth, and on keeping our Guard competitive as a premier force at home as well as abroad. He became one of us when he and his wife, Anne, decided to purchase a co-op in Southeast, D.C., here on Capitol Hill. Anne, who sadly also was killed in the train collision, was his high school sweetheart. At their joint memorial service, I only half-jokingly said that she did everything with him but run the D.C. Guard.

As I highlighted when I originally introduced this bill earlier this session, the education incentive in my bill serves not only to encourage high quality recruits, but has had the important benefit of helping the D.C. National Guard to maintain the force necessary to protect the federal presence because this funding helps equalize an important benefit compared with what is offered by Guards in surrounding jurisdictions.

A strong D.C. National Guard able to attract the best soldiers is especially important, given the dual mission of the D.C. National Guard to protect hometown D.C. as well as the federal presence. This unique responsibility distinguishes the D.C. National Guard from any other National Guard.

While the appropriators treat funding for the D.C. National Guard as a programmatic request, under past administrations the Office of Management and Budget has contended that these funds are earmarks, putting them in jeopardy of consistent funding. It therefore is imperative that this important educational incentive be authorized to ensure its permanent sustainability.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fond du Lac County

Address of Requesting Entity: 160 S. Macy Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

Description of Request: The \$400,000 appropriation will be used to expand Fond du

Lac County's Save a Smile Program, which provides dental care to Medicaid eligible children. The CMS account provides federal funds for demonstration projects related to one of the core missions of CMS, including improving access to health care and access for low-income and uninsured individuals. The lack of dental care among children is a national problem and the Save a Smile Program is a new innovative approach to remedy the situation that may serve as a model for the rest of the country. The goal of the program is to maximize the dental provider delivery system with public sector intervention to establish a dental home for children with Medicaid who reside in Fond du Lac County. The program removes the major barriers voiced by local dental providers, which include burdensome and frustrated Medicaid billing, increased patient no show rates and inadequate Medicaid reimbursement. Specifically the funds will be used to cover additional eligible children, hire additional staff, and produce educational materials.

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lakeshore Technical College

Address of Requesting Entity: 1290 North Avenue, Cleveland, Wisconsin 53015

Description of Request: The \$250,000 appropriation will be used by Lakeshore Technical College to support the development of new programs and certificates in sustainability, renewable energy, energy management, solar power and photovoltaic installation, composites, and other relevant disciplines. These programs will be based on the needs of local industry as determined through program advisory committees, direct business requests, and relevant projections. These programs will expand on Lakeshore's current initiatives to retrain American workers with the skills necessary to succeed in the green workplace. The FIPSE account provides funds for projects that focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. Specifically these funds will be used to hire additional faculty, curriculum and professional development and to develop and offer community education sustainability workshops.

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Marian University

Address of Requesting Entity: 45 South National Avenue, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

Description of Request: The \$200,000 appropriation will be used to establish a collaborative abilities-based Master's Program in Nursing Education. The establishment of this program is designed to address the shortage of nurse educators, thereby expanding opportunities for students to get degrees in nursing. The FIPSE account provides funds for projects that focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. Through this program, Marian University proposes to create the relationships and infrastructure to support collaborative agreements among a group of nursing programs at colleges, universities, and technical colleges within Wisconsin. Although the proposed program would have as its primary focus nursing education, students would

be able to obtain advanced clinical preparation in specialty areas. This venture would be the first in Wisconsin to join private and public colleges in order to create new models that wisely use the scarce faculty resources available. Specifically, the federal dollars will be used for faculty, staff, equipment and travel. This will address a national and state-wide need for nurses as identified by Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following information:

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Solana Beach

Address of Requesting Entity: 635 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, CA, USA 92075

I received \$440,000 to complete the feasibility study for the Solana Beach-Encinitas Shoreline Protection Project. The protective beaches throughout the Solana Beach area are severely eroded, leaving residences, portions of Highway 101, and public access points susceptible to dangerous wave attack and beachgoers subject to falling rocks as bluffs are destabilized by erosion. This Shore Protection Project will build up the protective beaches along the coast, preserving public access, recreational areas, and as well as public infrastructure and private homes.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations, Miscellaneous

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego

Address of Requesting Entity: 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093

I received \$500,000 for the Coastal Data Information Program/Southern California Beach Processes Study within the Army Corps of Engineers. Through this program, high-resolution wave data and forecasts are disseminated in real time via the Internet to the National Weather Service and to tens of thousands of diverse users each day. Sea state and surf warnings are issued based on this information for the protection of life and property. In addition, beach elevations are monitored and analyzed, and this information is provided to coastal communities online where local governments and engineers use it for making educated policy decisions for protecting and enhancing local beaches. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army Corps of Engineers, which has the federal responsibility for shoreline protection and uses this data for coastal dredging and construction projects. This program is critical to marine safety and operations for the coastal United States and there are no competitive funding sources available.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations

Account: EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: UC San Diego

Address of Requesting Entity: 9500 Gilman Drive, San Diego CA 92093.

Description of Request: I received \$750,000 for the San Diego Center for Algae Biotechnology (SD-CAB). SD-CAB is a consortium of renowned research institutions—including UC San Diego, The Scripps Research Institute, the Salk Institute, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, San Diego State University and other regional entities—that are collaborating with industry partners in a broad-scale research effort to develop advanced transportation fuels from algae. Scientists from these institutions established SD-CAB in an effort to make sustainable algae-based fuel production and carbon dioxide abatement a reality within the next 5 to 10 years. The primary goal of the center is to create a national facility capable of developing and implementing innovative research solutions for the commercialization of fuel production from algae. Algae biofuels have the potential to provide a secure and renewable source of transportation fuel that is at least carbon neutral, and does not compete for land or fresh water resources required to grow food supply crops.

To further establish the SD-CAB as a national research resource for the sustainable development of algae-based biofuels, I made a project request intended to help develop the facilities necessary to the production and culturing of a variety of algae strains. These facilities would be both on campus at UCSD and at an off-site location where existing infrastructure can be readily upgraded, refurbished and leveraged for the SD-CAB research enterprise. A congressionally directed appropriation of \$750,000 has been provided in the House FY 2010 Energy and Water Development appropriations bill to help meet these needs.

This advanced research project will provide an important training component for both students and faculty, in this critical emerging field of research. It will serve as a platform for continued collaboration with other universities and key industry partners. It is also a logical continuation of the San Diego region's leadership role at both the state and federal levels in developing and deploying viable alternative energy and transportation fuel solutions. Further, the cutting edge R&D into alternative transportation fuels derived from algae enabled by this project will be reflective of current related policy goals and funding priorities of both the federal government and the State of California.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Department of Education Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Indiana University—Purdue University Fort Wayne

Address of Requesting Entity: 169 Kettler Hall, 2101 East Coliseum Boulevard, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805-1499

Description of Request: The creation of a Strategic Languages Institute would provide basic through advanced training in Arabic, Chinese and Japanese. IPFW runs a very successful dual-credit program for regional high school students through its Division of Continuing Studies (DCS). The strategic languages would be offered to high school juniors and seniors for dual high school-IPFW credit, as well as IPFW students on campus. The study of foreign languages has long been proven to be imperative for its educational, cultural, economic and strategic benefits. Studies have shown that by learning a new language, students not only gain insight into new horizons but also build a stronger identity. Additionally, learning a foreign language has been shown to greatly benefit reading and writing in one's own language by contributing significantly to the development of individual intelligence. In a globalized world characterized by international links and intercultural connections, linguistic skills are crucial for employment and career. The knowledge of foreign languages increases job opportunities in many careers and can raise the students' global competitive advantage significantly.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Department of Education Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Grace College and Theological Seminary

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, IN 46590

Description of Request: It is a major academic goal for Grace College to advance the community's standing as the center of medical device research. Working with other companies and with the Lilly Foundation, Grace College has helped make northern Indiana ground zero for the medical device industry. To maintain this standing, especially in light of Memphis, Tenn.'s full press to supplant this standing among orthopedic and medical device companies, Grace College wants to continue to offer these companies a stable of well-educated college graduates—ones who have received specialized training in the field as part of their college education, as well as adult certificate graduates who can also contribute to the industry. The orthopedic industry has grown more complex in recent years through the advancement of technology and market demands. In order for the industry to remain centrally located in north central Indiana, they must establish a workforce pipeline that can continually advance their educational background to accommodate emerging market needs. Grace College seeks to expand the adult and continuing education program to offer unique educational advancement opportunities through curriculum development, technology upgrades, and additional course offerings. Grace endeavors to provide more non-traditional education opportunities for students such as evening and weekend classes and